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### Editor's notes:

In the **Rockies today**, another emissions deal signed in Alberta, Utah scientists find a hot geothermal spot, and Montana now has a plan for putting \$65 million to work on restoration projects in the Upper Clark Fork River basin.

In Alberta, a Canadian branch of U.S.-based Williams Cos. plans a \$500-million project to capture and process emissions from a second Fort McMurray oilsands upgrader, which will remove hundreds of thousands of tons of carbon dioxide and thousands of tons of sulfur dioxide released annually.

The company will then sell the ethane and propane also separated from the emissions, and send captured methane back to the upgrader to be burned to produce electricity.

The Utah Geological Survey's two-year project in the Black Rock Desert basin has mapped a 100-square-mile of potential geothermal resources that could be used to produce electricity.

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The basin already has existing infrastructure that would cut the costs of producing and transmitting the power.

And in Montana, the state's Natural Resource Damage Program released a list of projects to be funded by the remaining \$65.5 million in that program.

Public comment will be taken on the proposed plan through Oct. 26, and Gov. Brian Schweitzer is expected to approve a final plan by the end of this year.

Today in On the Bookshelf, Barbara Theroux features four books to be released this fall.

**Charlotte Gill** writes about her life as a tree planter; **Cat Urbigit's** book recounts her experience as a sheepherder in Western Wyoming; **Steven Rinella** tracks his experience as an American hunter and meat-eater; and **Richard Horan** details his year spent harvesting various crops across the United States.

Also contained in the column is a preview of the Montana Festival of the Book, which begins Oct. 4 in Missoula.

### Quote of the day:

"It'll be just a tremendous amenity for a mountain town like Ketchum. Having something like this is in keeping with the Sun Valley thing and the Idaho thing since Idaho is the whitewater state of the U.S."

**Jeff Smull**, about Ketchum's \$2.7-million master plan to build a whitewater park on Idaho's Big Wood River.  
- Twin Falls Times-News

## Rockies today

### Montana releases final plan for Clark Fork River watershed funds

The Montana Department of Justice's Natural Resource Damage Program released its proposal on distribution of the remaining \$65.5 million in the fund for restoration of the Upper Clark Fork River basin, with \$45.6 million allocated to aquatic projects and \$19.9 million for terrestrial work.

Missoulian; September 27

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